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Foreign Press Reaction

OW151519 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1501 GMT 15 Nov 79 OW

["Unabated Foreign Press Reaction to Killing of Pak Chong-hui (1)"--KCNA headline]

[Text] Pyongyang November 15 (KCNA)--The miserable end of Pak Chong-hui, a despicable stooge of U.S. imperialism and dictator, continues evoking response from foreign mass media.

The press of the Western European countries such as France, West Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, and Britain highlighted news of the death of Pak Chong-hui and fascistisation of South Korean society, arousing world public opinion.

Saying that this year is a "year of punishment" and "an unfortunate year" for the dictators, papers and radios of these countries scornfully stressed: "Pak Chong-hui's end could not be different from the doom of the dictators of Iran, Nicaragua and Salvador," "Pak Chong-hui met the most tragic end," "It's a wretched death."

The French paper FRANCE--SOIR said: "Whether the death of Pak Chong-hui was an accidental death or murder, his adversaries and the United States should feel relieved at the removal of the nuisance."

The Swedish radios and TV gave lengthy reports about the shooting dead of Pak Chong-hui 5 to 10 times each time with explicit glee at the end of dictator.

Danish papers carried commentaries under the titles "Political Confusion in South Korea," "End of a Dictator," "Deserved Punishment," "Experience of History," etc.

The incident showed that no good results await the one bent on treacheries, they stressed.

The government organs and government-run news agencies of different countries in Asia and Africa including Burma, Pakistan, Iraq, Egypt and Tanzania also highlighted the death of Pak Chong-hui under the titles "The Price Paid by a Dictator," "Compensation for Dictator's Crimes," and so on.

The Pakistan paper DAWN said that the death of Pak Chong-hui revealed the seriousness of the political crisis and social confusion growing in South Korea.

The Iranian radio said: "There can be no difference of view on the inevitability of the end of Pak Chong-hui who intensified suppression of democracy."

"Pak Chong-hui met his end for his own crimes," said the Benin radio.

Newspapers and radios in Cuba, Peru and other Latin American countries also conspicuously displayed news of the death of Pak Chong-hui, describing it as the end of a dictator.

Reaction to Pak Death

OW151531 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1512 GMT 15 Nov 79 OW

["Unabated Foreign Press Reaction to Killing of Pak Chong-hui (2)"--KCNA headline]

[Text] Pyongyang November 15 (KCNA)--Foreign publications derided "condolences" expressed over the death of Pak Chong-hui.

The Swedish paper DAGENS NYHETER carried a report from its Seoul correspondent about Seoul on the eve of Pak Chong-hui's "funeral service" and about his "memorial service." It said that no grief can be observed among the South Korean people. Students are laughing, whispering to each other. It is "an organized memorial service."

The Swiss paper LUZERNER NEUESTE NACHRICHTEN said: The death of Pak Chong-hui would not be tear-provoking even in South Korea. He was an anti-communist fanatic and an ally needed for the United States.

Other Swiss papers ridiculed a "memorial service" for Pak Chong-hui under the titles "end of the South Korean dictator," "despotism and tyranny--Pak's Rule in South Korea," "No One Will Shed Tears for Pak" and so on.

Not a single item sympathetic with Pak has appeared in the French press.

With the killing of Pak Chong-hui as an occasion, foreign publications exposed the fascist nature of the socio-political system of South Korea and its economic catastrophe.

The U.S. paper NEW YORK TIMES noted that Pak Chong-hui ruled every sphere of the South Korean people's life and pointed to his retrogressive "constitutional" amendment, suppression of democratic figures and talents, press censorship and "intelligence politics" relying upon secret police.

In an article titled "18 Years of Despotic Rule" the French paper LE MONDE exposed the treacheries of Pak Chong-hui and noted that he turned South Korea into an unheard-of "police state."

Similar reports and commentaries were published by publications and radios of Norway, Denmark and other Scandinavian countries, Austria, Switzerland and other European countries and Asian and African countries and American countries.

The world press circles also exposed the dependency of the South Korean economy.

The British paper FINANCIAL TIMES wrote that "The period of political and economic stability" in South Korea has been brought to an end due to the oil crisis, debt amounting to 10,000 million dollars, increasing unemployment, etc. The French paper LIBERATION said that the South Korean economy boasting of its "high tempo growth" proved to be only a clay colossus. The Iraqi Government organ AL-JUMHURIYAH said that the industry of South Korea was distributed in favour of the U.S. and Japanese monopolies and pollutional industries have been introduced there.

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'KOREA TIMES' COMMENTS ON GOVERNMENT'S ECONOMIC POLICY

SK150054 Seoul The KOREA TIMES in English 15 Nov 79 p 2 SK

[Editorial: "Economic Policy"]

[Text] In reference to the government economic policy in the days ahead, Deputy Premier and Economic Planning Minister Sin Hyon-hwak had reportedly made it clear that the government will continue the current tight money policy more flexibly next year.

According to the economic policy architect, the government will maintain economic policies with emphasis on stability as it has done up to the present.

He further stressed that consultation among economic ministers concerned in the execution of economic policies would become more positive next year.

While the government position on maintaining tight money remains unchanged, it is expected to become more flexible to counter more effectively changing external and internal conditions.

It is considered most appropriate for the economic policy-makers to have chosen such a sound and feasible direction for the national economy under the present circumstances.

The deputy premier has also revealed that the government economic policy will be shifted to the promotion of the welfare of the people as well.

In pace with political development in the future, it is desirable for the related economic authorities to push through varied welfare programs for the people.

This must be so, even though the enhancement of welfare projects will undeniably put more pressure on the national economy in the currently adverse situation.

Such economic pressure should be absorbed in the practical and feasible way so as to get over the ensuing impact upon the national economy.

It is needless to say that government policies and programs concerned, including welfare projects, should be as selective as possible.

For this reason, the economic planners are urged to select a number of strategic sectors fit for the present national economic conditions.

In the wake of the recent national upheaval, it is considered fortunate that the government and industrialists have been able to pool their wisdom and resources in such a way as to maintain unity.

Accordingly, there has been no particular setback in national economic activities even in the face of the historic confusion.

As to the talked-about commodity prices, the economic planners, industrialists and people as a whole have been able to keep close cooperation to such an extent as to maintain rather stabilized commodity prices, conducive to social stability itself.

Frankly speaking, this is no time for us to be satisfied with such a temporary and transitional economic phenomenon for too long a time.

This is because we will have more difficult economic problems from now on, passing through the transitional period, which undoubtedly constitutes a national economic issue to be tackled by all means through close cooperation and courage among economic planners, industrialists and the people.

If the present transitional phase in the national economy is excessively prolonged, we cannot but express our concern over the possibility that the contradictory factors within our economic structure will be exposed outwardly.

For this reason, the government economic policy should be directed toward adapting itself to the changing economic circumstances at home and abroad.

For this, we stress the necessity of adopting a flexible and bold economic policy suitable to the situation the nation is faced with, despite the already set tight money policy.

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S. KOREA/ECONOMY

'NEW KOREA TIMES' IN CANADA EXPOSES 'GROWTH' OF SOUTH KOREA

SK151106 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1012 GMT 15 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 15 (KCNA)--NEW KOREA TIMES, a newspaper of overseas Koreans published in Canada, on October 6 carried an article exposing the stupid fiction of "high-rate growth" advertised by the South Korean puppet clique, according to a KNS report from Tokyo.

Pointing out that the propaganda of the South Korean puppet clique that a "rich harvest" in South Korea last year "removed the wide gap of income between cities and rural villages" and so on, was no more than a deception for quelling the discontent of the South Korean people, the newspaper continued:

According to announcements of the authorities,

1) At least 11 million tons of grain--8 million tons for food of the South Korean population and 3 million tons for industrial use--are needed. But South Korea's grain production last year was less than 5.3 million tons and the self-supply rate of food was as low as 67.8 per cent in 1979.

2) The reduction of the agricultural population resulting from the departure of peasants from the farms reached 3.8 million during 10 years from 1967 to 1977. This was caused by the deficit in agricultural management under the policy of high price of manufactured goods and low price of grain, that is, industrial management at the sacrifice of agriculture.

The chemical fertilizers, for example, whose production cost per ton is 82,430 won, are exported at 42,840 won, and are sold to the peasants at 112,440 won to make up for the loss.

3) These are causes of the rise of production cost and shortage of labour force, which leads to a drop in agricultural production.

The economy is becoming more dependent, owing to the reckless policy of relying on outside forces pursued by the South Korean puppet clique, it said, and continued:

According to a report on August 20 this year, the trade gap reached the alarming mark of 3,300 million dollars already in the first seven months.

Most deplorable is the deficit in trade with Japan.

Let us observe through statistics the trend of the trade with Japan since 1966 after the signing of the "South Korea-Japan agreements" in 1965.

The deficit in trade with Japan which was 227 million dollars in 1966 jumped to 524 million dollars in 1968, to 624 million dollars in 1972, to 1,143 million dollars in 1975, to 1,778 million dollars in 1977, to 3,354 million dollars in 1978 and to 1,740 million dollars in 1979 (from January to June).

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POWER PLANT DEDICATED--Seoul, Nov. 13--The second power unit with a rated generating capacity of 200,000 kilowatts was dedicated today at the Yongdong thermal power station in Kangwon Province, some two months earlier than originally scheduled. The dedication ceremony was attended by energy-resources minister Chang Ye-chun, President Kim Yong-chun of the State-run Korea Electric Company and many other dignitaries. The construction work took about 38 months at a total cost of 58,686 million won including 62.2 million dollars in foreign capital, sources at the Korea Electric Company (KEC) said. Of the entire equipment needed for the power unit, nearly 36 per cent was met with locally made facilities and equipment, the sources explained. The new power unit will use 650,000 tons of low-quality coal of 3,800 kilocalorie annually to put out 1.3 billion kilowatts-hour of electricity per year, the sources said. With the dedication of the power unit, the nation's total rated power generating capacity was expanded to 7,623,000 kilowatts, the sources added. In his address at the dedication ceremony, energy-resources minister Chang said that the dedication of the second power unit at the Yongdong thermal power station will contribute much to development of coal mines in Kangwon Province. He further said that the government will exert its utmost to build more nuclear power plants and coal-burning power units instead of oil-fueled power generating facilities. [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0056 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK]

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BRIEFS

AGREEMENT ON GERMAN AID--Seoul, Nov. 15--South Korea and West Germany have concluded an agreement on German aid to the Changwon College of Technology, disclosed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here Wednesday. According to the agreement, which went into effect on Nov 9, 46 West German experts are to be assigned to the college to train technicians in the Changwon industrial estate while 15 South Korean technicians will be sent to West Germany to receive training. West Germany will also make an additional offer of about 2.4 million dollars for laboratory facilities of Chongwon College. [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0058 GMT 15 Nov 79 SK]

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S. KOREA/FOREIGN TRADE

BRIEFS

CONTRACTS IN MIDDLE EAST--Seoul, Nov. 15--A number of Korean firms have won sales contracts totaling 3.8 million dollars for the export of various construction equipment and materials to Saudi Arabia. This was reported Wednesday by an 18-man Korean private trade mission which recently returned home from a tour of the Middle East countries. Under the contracts, Korean firms will be able to export 3,858,000 dollars worth of various products including escalators, conveyors, steel plates, plywood and reinforcing steel bars, the report said. If efforts are made to upgrade the quality of Korean-made construction equipment and materials, prospects will be bright for Korea's export sales of high-voltage cables, pvc pipes, steel pipes and heavy electric machines to the Middle East countries, the trade mission reported. [Seoul HAPTONG in English 0242 GMT 15 Nov 79 SK]

IMPORTED GOODS INDEX--Seoul, Nov 9--The price index of imported goods, after a decline in September for the first time this year, began to rise again last month. According to an announcement of the Bank of Korea today, the price index of imported goods for last month stood at 146.9 with the 1975 as the base year, up 1.7 percent from a month before. The October index showed a rise of 29 percent over the end of last year and also an increase of 31.9 percent over the figure reported during the like month of last year, the Central Bank said. The rise was attributed mainly to the 4.6 percent increase in crude oil import costs and the soaring import costs of machinery items, sources at the Central Bank explained. Meanwhile, the price index of export items for last month was 163.7 with the 1975 as the base year, up 0.2 percent from a month earlier, 9.2 percent from the end of last year and also 11.5 percent from the index recorded during the same month a year earlier, the sources added. [SK130345 Seoul HAPTONG in English 0842 GMT 9 Nov 79 SK]

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N. KOREA/POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

'NODONG SINMUN' NOTES ANNIVERSARY OF ANTI-IMPERIALISM UNION

SK190540 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0000 GMT 17 Oct 79 SK

[NODONG SINMUN 17 October editorial article: "A Great Historic Event Which Opened a New Beginning of the Korean Revolution"--on 53d anniversary of formation of down-with-imperialism union by the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song]

[Text] Greeting the significant 53d anniversary of the formation of the down-with-imperialism union, today our people are filled with boundless national pride in living and working by holding in high esteem the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. They are teeming with high revolutionary zeal to devote themselves to the struggle to achieve the chuche-oriented revolutionary cause developed and guided by the leader.

The formation of the down-with-imperialism union was a great event--a great historic event in the revolutionary struggle of our people. The formation of the down-with-imperialism union was a historic starting point from which the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song pioneered our revolutionary cause--a chuche-oriented revolutionary cause--for the first time in our country, thus opening a new beginning of our revolution.

To win victory in their revolutionary struggle, the working class should be guided by an outstanding leader and have a revolutionary political organization. Because our people did not have a great leader in their revolutionary vanguard organization in the past, they experienced many failures, turns and twists. Our people, who suffered for a long time, longed for the appearance of a great leader and a revolutionary political organization. Bearing responsibility for the destiny of the fatherland and the people and taking the van of the revolution at such a historical moment, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song formed the down-with-imperialism union--a true communist-type revolutionary organization for the first time in our country.

The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song taught: The formation of the down-with-imperialism union--the first true communist-type revolutionary organization in our country--was a historic declaration signalling a new beginning of our revolution.

Since the formation of the down-with-imperialism union, the revolutionary struggle of our people has been waged based on the principle of self-reliance. With the formation of this union, our party began to take root gloriously.

The down-with-imperialism union was a revolutionary political organization which basically differed from all previous movement organizations. The down-with-imperialism union was a revolutionary organization with communists from the new generation as core members, taking root in the broad strata of the masses. This union was an independent revolutionary organization with the principle of self-reliance set forth by the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song as its guideline. Our people struggled independently through this organization.

The down-with-imperialism union was a vanguard organization of our revolution with a struggle objective aimed at overthrowing foreign imperialist aggressors, at achieving the people's sovereignty and independence and at building socialism and communism.

With the formation of the down-with-imperialism union by the great leader and his delineation of its struggle program, the Korean revolution progressed confidently with a correct struggle objective and line, and a basic turning point was registered in the revolutionary struggle of our people for national and class liberation. The struggle program of the down-with-imperialism union delineated by the great leader was a militant banner which illuminated a true path for the exploited and oppressed people for national and class liberation based on the truth, which is that the masters of the revolution and construction are the masses and that the strength which pushes the revolution ahead comes from the masses.

By advancing along this road illuminated by the great leader, our people waged their revolutionary struggle based on the principle of self-reliance for the first time in history, and the Korean revolution embarked on a glorious road to accomplish a noble chuche-oriented revolutionary cause.

With the formation of the down-with-imperialism union, our people pioneered the future path of the revolution victoriously by possessing their guidance vanguard organization.

The down-with-imperialism union was the first chuche-oriented communist revolutionary organization organized in our country to materialize the important chuche ideology under the leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

[SK190646] With the formation of the down-with-imperialism union, the first revolutionary vanguard organization in our country to materialize the chuche ideology--a revolutionary idea of the great leader--a chuche ideological system was established firmly within the Korean communist movement. Many chuche-type communists came into existence through training and the ideological and volitional unity of our revolutionary ranks were achieved based on the chuche ideology. As a result, our party began to take root gloriously.

Following its formation, the down-with-imperialism union, by actively carrying out its activities under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, developed the broad strata of workers, farmers, students and the masses into chuche-type communist revolutionaries, firmly consolidated the mass foundation of the revolution and greatly contributed to developing the Korean revolution as a whole.

Later, the down-with-imperialism union developed into the League of Korean Communist Youth--an anti-imperialist youth league. Young communists who hardened and developed themselves through this league became the first core members of the anti-Japanese armed ranks. Members of the anti-imperialist youth league rallied the broad strata of the masses around various youth organizations and vigorously organized and mobilized them to the struggle against the Japanese imperialists.

In the course of this struggle, the down-with-imperialism union made remarkable achievements and obtained experience. This was an invaluable asset in establishing a chuche-type line, policy, strategy and tactics in the Korean revolution, in enlisting a nucleus force and in firmly laying a broad foundation in the revolutionary struggle.

Since a new beginning of the Korean revolution was marked with the formation of the down-with-imperialism union, our people have traveled the revolutionary road for more than half a century, and a basic change has taken place in the destiny and status of our fatherland and people.

Comrade Kim Il-song, the great leader of the revolution, annihilated the Japanese imperialists and finally fulfilled the historic great task of liberating the fatherland by setting forth a chuche-oriented revolutionary line on the Korean revolution through the development of the program of the down-with-imperialism union and organizing and leading the heroic anti-Japanese armed struggle to brilliant victory.

With the brilliant victory in the anti-Japanese armed struggle, our people were liberated from the colonial enslavement by the Japanese imperialists and became a dignified people of an independent country. Our fatherland, which had been buried in the past in oblivion on the map of the world, began to highly demonstrate its magnificent and dignified appearance to the entire world.

Indeed, victory in the anti-Japanese armed struggle was a great one brilliantly achieving the impending aim of the down-with-imperialism union.

Thanks to the presence of the glorious revolutionary tradition developed in the flames of the ordeal-ridden anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle, our people, under the banner of the struggle against the imperialists upheld by the down-with-imperialism union--a banner of self-reliance--have advanced continuously and brought about an upsurge during the whole period following the liberation, overcoming all trials.

With the brilliant materialization of the immortal chuche ideology on all fronts of the revolution and construction under the wise leadership of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, the democratic revolution against imperialism and feudalism and the socialist revolution have been carried out successfully, and socialist construction has progressed dazzlingly. As a result, the most advanced and superior socialist system has been established in this land, and our country has been turned into an independent, self-reliant and self-defending strong socialist nation.

Through a grim and ordeal-ridden struggle to lead the revolution and construction, upholding the banner of self-reliance against imperialism, our party has become further hardened and tested and developed into an invincible revolutionary rank. Today the unitary idea of the party--the revolutionary idea of the respected and beloved leader Comrade Kim Il-song--is overflowing within our party. The unity and solidarity of the party based on the chuche ideological system has reached a new, higher stage. This is the most brilliant result of the bloody struggle waged by Korean communists during the period from the formation of the down-with-imperialism union to the present time. This is also a great victory in the construction of our party.

[SK190854] The revolutionary cause which was developed in the forest of Mount Paektu has not been completed yet. We are on the road of the revolution. The great task of implementing the struggle program of the down-with-imperialism league is a vast revolutionary task of the final completion of the cause of socialism and communism in our country. This task requires that we must eliminate forever the imperialists from this earth and continue the revolution until we construct communism.

All party members and workers should be deeply aware of the honorable and weighty responsibility born by our generation for the revolution and bring about a continuous upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction.

Let our party members and workers further accelerate the work of imbuing the entire society with the chuche ideology by continuously and vigorously carrying out the three revolutions--ideological, technical and cultural--and struggle more stoutly to occupy the ideological and material fortress of socialism and communism ahead of schedule.

There is no fortification which we cannot occupy if we struggle, firmly united around the party. There is only great victory and glory before us.

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N. KOREA/ECONOMY

'KCNA' NOTES DEVELOPMENT OF LAND, SEA TRANSPORT

SK161220 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1050 GMT 16 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 16 (KCNA)--The working people in Korea's land and sea transport are greeting Day of Land and Sea Transport (November 16) with new achievements.

The General Bureau of Land Transport had fulfilled its yearly transport plan at 101.7 percent by the end of October.

In marine transport, too, the monthly plans are topped through energetic endeavours for increased transport,

Great efforts are directed to the development of land and sea transport in Korea to meet the fast growing demand of the national economy for transport.

In this course, modern automobile production and shipbuilding bases have been firmly built, new sea routes opened and roads constructed and modernized.

During the Six-Year Plan period (1971-1976), the building of ships increased more than four times and ports were reconstructed and expanded, with the result that the traffic capacity of freight in trade jumped 2.7 times.

In particular, the building of large-size ships ranging from 15,000 to 20,000 tons augmented at a high rate in that period.

Entering the Second Seven-Year Plan (1978-1984) the expansion projects of ports have been actively promoted and they have been reinforced with modern loading and unloading facilities and belt conveyers and silos built to further modernize the ports.

The traffic volume at the trade ports in the first half of this year was over 3.7 times that in the same period of 1970.

The motor transport has also developed rapidly.

Now the freight transport by lorries has increased tens of times as compared with 1946, the year after liberation.

During the Second Seven-Year Plan period, the amount of motor freight transport will quadruple and sea transport grow 4.4 times.

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT--Pyongyang October 23 (KCNA)--A railway electrification project between West Sariwon and Chongbang, North Hwanghae Province, has been completed. The project took only 20 days. The completion of the project will increase the freight transport capacity in and around Sariwon. This year our country has carried out the electrification of 80 kilometre railway line linking the trunk line between Sinsongchon and Changsang and three branch lines and the electrification of over 12 kilometre railway line between Kumya and Pungnam and railway electrification projects in other places. In our country 500 kilometre railway lines have been switched over to electric traction in the recent two years. The railway electrification projects between Pyongyang and Nampo and between Kowon and Pongsan are progressing apace. [Text] [SK231905 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1520 GMT 23 Oct 79 SK]

NEW CARGO SHIP--Pyongyang October 23 (KCNA)--The Nampo shipyard of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea launched 20,000-ton cargo ship "Amnok-gang." This cargo ship, together with already built 21,000-ton cargo ships "Taedong-gang," "Chongchon-gang" and "Yonpung-ho," will contribute to the development of the country's sea transport. Our country has solid shipbuilding bases in different places. The Chongjin shipyard launched 14,000-ton cargo ship "Taehongdan" some time ago. During the Six-Year Plan period (1971-1976) the building of ships increased 4 times in our country, especially, the building of large-size ship including 15,000-20,000-ton ships grew rapidly in this period. During the Second 7-Year Plan period (1978-1984) our country will direct much efforts to the development of this industry to build 20,000-ton, 50,000-ton and 100,000-ton cargo ships and 20,000-ton processing base-ships and refrigerator-transports and various other fishing boats. [Text] [SK231907 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1523 GMT 23 Oct 79 SK]

NEW RESERVOIR--Pyongyang November 10--The construction of the Yongho reservoir, a project undertaken under the policy of great nature-remaking of the KWP, has been completed. With the appearance of one more artificial lake on the west coast, the ring-shape irrigation system existing in the area has been further consolidated and the reclaimed tideland-paddies in Chungsan and Onchon counties have come to get more sufficient water. A ceremony for the completion of the Yongho reservoir was held on November 8, which was followed by a test discharge of water. There are above 1,500 reservoirs in our country. [Text] [OW101721 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1608 GMT 10 Nov 79 OW]

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NATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL--Pyongyang, November 13--Art festivals are frequently held in our country. A national festival of music and dance pieces took place recently in Pyongyang. Put on the festival stage were hundreds of music and dance pieces of various forms prepared by artists of central and local art organisations. In the festival the artists showed well the successes in creating music and dance pieces of new forms, upholding the chuche-based literary and art policy of the party. The mixed chorus "My Country, the Paradise of the People" vividly depicting the happy life of our people and the man's solo "I Love My Motherland" singing the beautiful motherland which were put on stage by the art organisations in Pyongyang won warm acclamation for their high ideological and artistic value. The women's chorus "The Flowering Land" and the folk dance "The Song of Bumper Crop in the Northern Region" performed by artists of North Hamgyong Province, the women's duet "This Is Our Kumsanpo" presented by artists of South Hwanghae Province, and the men's chorus "We Will Rejoin the Cut Transmission Line" presented by artists of the Kaesong Municipal Art Troupe on the theme of national reunification were also warmly received by working people. A national central competition of vocal and instrumental solos of the youth was held on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea, 160 amateur artists selected at the provincial contests participated in the competition to show their high artistic skill. [SK140216 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1020 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK]

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N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

KOREAN YOUTHS IN JAPAN SEND LETTERS TO KIM IL-SONG

SK151050 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0804 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 15 (KCNA)—The great leader Marshal Kim Il-song received letters from compatriots in Japan.

The letter from a meeting of activists of sections of the League of Korean Youths in Japan which was held to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the September 24, 1974, programmatic teachings of the great leader "On the situation of our country and tasks of the League of Korean Youth in Japan," said:

The September 24 teachings of you the respected and beloved leader is a valuable textbook brightly lighting the road to be followed by Korean youth and students in Japan.

The proud successes made by the Korean youth in Japan in the work of the League of Korean Youth in Japan over the last 5 years are a precious fruition of the deep love and solicitude of you the fatherly leader.

A letter to the great leader was adopted at a meeting celebrating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Association of Korean Journalists and Publishers in Japan. It pointed to the achievements the pressmen of the Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon) have made in their activity, holding high the pen of chuche. It carried their loyal heart to embody more thoroughly the chuche-based idea on the press propounded by the respected and beloved leader.

A letter was sent to the respected and beloved leader from a central meeting of Korean youth and students in Japan commemorating the 50th anniversary of the students' incident in Kwangju.

All the letters wholeheartedly wished the respected and beloved leader Marshal Kim Il-song good health and a long life.

N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

HEAD OF CHIBA CHONGNYON TRADERS VISITS DPRK

Meeting With Vice President

SK130428 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0348 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 13 (KCNA)--Vice-President Kang Yang-uk on November 12 met Yim Su-kun, chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Association of Traders and Industrialists of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon), and his wife had a talk with them in an atmosphere overflowing with compatriotic feelings.

Chongnyon Traders' Head Awarded

SK130430 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0350 GMR 13 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 13 (KCNA)--"Order of Kim Il-song" was awarded to Comrade Yim Su-kun, chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Association of Traders and Industrialists of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon) staying in the socialist homeland, with a due ceremony at the Mansudae Assembly Hall on November 12.

Placed on the platform of the hall was a portrait of Comrade Kim Il-song, the great leader of our party and our people,

The awarding ceremony was attended by Vice-President Kang Yang-uk and personages concerned Kim Chu-yong and Hong Hui-chong.

Present there were chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Association of Traders and Industrialists of Chongnyon Yim Su-kun and his wife.

At the ceremony, after a decree of the Central People's Committee of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea was read out, Vice-President Kang Yang-uk awarded "Order of Kim Il-song" to Yim Su-kun, chairman of the Chiba Prefectural Association of Traders and Industrialists to Chongnyon who had distinguished himself in the patriotic work of Chongnyon and the socialist construction of the homeland, firmly arming himself with the chuche idea and cherishing deep in his heart boundless loyalty to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

N. KOREA/KOREANS IN JAPAN

ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL FETES BUDDHISTS FROM JAPAN

SK111358 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0810 GMT 11 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang October 11 (KCNA)—The Administration Council arranged a banquet yesterday at the Ongnyugwan restaurant in honour of the delegation of the Federation of Korean Buddhists in Japan.

Invited to the banquet were the members of the delegation headed by Chang Tae-song, chairman of the Federation of Korean Buddhists in Japan. Also present there were Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki, and Pak Tae-ho, Kim In-son, Choe Yong-hwan and other personages concerned.

Addressing the banquet, Kim In-son said that the Federation of Korean Buddhists in Japan had energetically carried on activities to make Korean Buddhists in Japan devote themselves to the reunification of the country.

We people in the homeland, he said, highly appreciate the achievements made by Korean Buddhists in Japan with invariable allegiance to the great leader and the socialist homeland.

Speaking next, Chang Tae-song said that they would prepare themselves as true revolutionary soldiers who unconditionally carry through the teachings of the great leader and would justify his deep solicitude and love with loyalty by making a worthy contribution to the cause of national reunification.

The attendants drank a toast to the good health and long life of Comrade Kim Il-song, the great leader of our people.

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HOME VISITING GROUPS--Pyongyang November 16 (KCNA)--Comrade Kye Ung-tae on November 15 met and had a talk in an atmosphere overflowing with compatriotic feelings with the 68th home-visiting group of compatriots in Japan headed by Han Won-su, vice-chairman of the managing committee of the Korean Affairs Institute, and the 69th home-visiting group of compatriots in Japan headed by Cho Sang-nam, adviser to the Toa branch, Osaka Prefecture, of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon). Personage concerned Kim Chu-yong was on hand. [Text] [SK160412 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0348 GMT 16 Nov 79 SK] Pyongyang November 16 (KCNA)--Comrade Kye Ung-tae on November 15 met and had a talk in an atmosphere overflowing with compatriotic feelings with the delegation of branch functionaries of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon) headed by Kim Im-saeng, vice-chairman of the Hyogo prefectural headquarters of Chongnyon. Personage concerned Kim Chu-yong was present on the occasion. [Text] [SK160414 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0352 GMT 16 Nov 79 SK]

BANQUET FOR CHONGNYON GROUP--Pyongyang October 17 (KCNA)--The Administration Council arranged a banquet yesterday at the People's Palace of Culture in honor of the delegation of functionaries of the General Association of Korean Residents in Japan (Chongnyon). Invited to the banquet were the members of the delegation headed by Kim Su-sik, vice-director of the Propaganda Department of the Central Standing Committee of Chongnyon. On hand were Vice-Premier Chong Chun-ki and personages concerned. The banquet was addressed by Kim Chu-yong and Kim Su-sik. The attendants drank a toast to the good health and long life of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song. [Text] [SK170422 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0340 GMT 17 Oct 79 SK]

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

U.S. COMMUNIST PARTY GREETES KWP ANNIVERSARY

SK171338 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 2300 GMT 13 Oct 79 SK

[Excerpts] On the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the KWP, the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, general secretary of the Central Committee of the KWP and president of the DPRK, received congratulatory messages from party and state leaders of many foreign countries.

Pyongyang
Comrade Kim Il-song
General Secretary of the Central Committee of the KWP

Dear Comrade Kim Il-song, the Central Committee of the U.S. Communist Party sends warm fraternal greetings to your party on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of its founding.

We congratulate your party's guidance in socialist construction and the progress of your people. The living standards of your people are constantly rising in circumstances free of anxiety or instability. This is only possible under the socialist and communist system.

For the reunification of your country, you and your party have struggled against the U.S. imperialists' support of those who try to maintain the nation's division. Interference in the internal affairs of your country was clearly noted during President Carter's visit to South Korea this year. While staying there, he emphasized the so-called progress of the South Korean Government [chongbu]. Through this maneuver, the U.S. Government has created a strained situation in the whole of Korea. This obstructs stability in a part of the world where the situation is very grave and, accordingly, reunification. Korea's reunification will contribute to a solid peace in that part of the world.

Your serious struggle for the withdrawal of U.S. military bases from South Korea plays a decisive role in achieving stability.

We pledge to continue opposing the U.S. imperialists' maneuvers and, in particular, will continuously express our solidarity with the struggle against the supply of weapons to South Korea. This is an important prerequisite for achieving the reunification of Korea.

We wish your people continuous progress under the guidance of your party. On this happy occasion, we again send you warm greetings.

Yours sincerely,

[Signed] (Henry Wilson), national chairman; Gus Hall, general secretary
The Central Committee of the U.S. Communist Party
4 October 1979, New York.

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PYONGYANG CHILDREN'S ART TROUPE IN NANJING, CHINA

SK180450 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0400 GMT 18 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Beijing October 17 (KCNA)--The Pyongyang school children's art troupe of our country headed by Vice-Minister of Culture and Art Yi Sang-tae arrived in Nanjing on October 8 after successfully winding up its performance tour of Guangzhou, a local city of China. It was met at the Nanjing airport by a vice-chairman of the Jiangsu Provincial Revolutionary Committee, a vice-chairman of the Nanjing City Revolutionary Committee, and other leading members of departments concerned. It was warmly welcomed by a large number of Chinese school children.

The Jiangsu Provincial Revolutionary Committee arranged a banquet that evening for the art troupe. The banquet was addressed by the vice-chairman of the Jiangsu Provincial Revolutionary Committee and the head of the art troupe.

In Nanjing the art troupe gave several performances. On the evening of October 10, a performance was given for guests of honour at the Nanjing Great Hall of the People. Invited to see the performance were secretaries of the Jiangsu provincial committee of the Communist Party of China who are vice-chairmen of the provincial revolutionary committee, vice-chairmen of the provincial revolutionary committee, a secretary of the provincial committee of the CPC who is first secretary of the Nanjing City committee of the CPC and chairman of the city revolutionary committee, and other personages of party and power organs. The performance was warmly acclaimed by the audience for its high ideological and artistic level.

During its stay in Nanjing the art troupe saw an art performance of Nanjing school children and visited the Changjiang bridge. The Pyongyang school children's art troupe left Nanjing on October 13 by special plane for Tianjin, a local city of China.

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KIM IL-SONG RECEIVES THANKS FROM HUNGARIAN PRESIDENT

SK160344 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0338 GMT 16 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang October 16 (KCNA)--The great leader Comrade Kim Il-song received a message from Comrade Pal Losonczi, president of the Presidential Council of the Hungarian People's Republic, in reply to his message of greetings on the latter's 60th birthday. The reply message reads:

Comrade Kim Il-song
President
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Pyongyang

I express heartfelt thanks to you and to the government and people of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for your sincere congratulations on my 60th birthday.

Extending best wishes to you, I express the belief that the relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries and two peoples will continue to expand and develop on the principles of Marxism-Leninism and in the spirit of proletarian internationalism.

I wish you good health and great success in your responsible work for the prosperity of the fraternal Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Pal Losonczi
President of the Presidential Council
Hungarian People's Republic
Budapest, October 9, 1979.

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N. KOREA/FOREIGN RELATIONS

BURUNDI DELEGATION VISITS NORTH KOREA

Delegation Hosts Banquet

SK160426 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0402 GMT 16 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang October 16 (KCNA)--The delegation of the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi arranged a banquet at the People's Palace of Culture on October 15 upon concluding its visit to our country. Comrade Yim Chun-chu, member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Yi Hwa-son, vice-director of a department of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other personages concerned were invited to the banquet.

Present there were the members of the delegation headed by Emile Moroha, permanent secretary of the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi. The banquet was addressed first by Emile Moroha.

Noting that they had talks with leading functionaries of the Workers Party of Korea during their visit, he said: We reached a constructive conclusion to further develop the friendship, unity and cooperative relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi.

He recalled that his excellency Marshal Kim Il-song, president of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, received and had a conversation with the delegation.

During our stay in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, we saw for ourselves in the beautiful capital city of Pyongyang and local areas the achievements which the Korean people have made in political, economic, scientific, cultural and other fields by embodying the *chuche* idea founded by the great leader President Kim Il-song, he noted.

He said that all experiences they gained during a week would be very useful to the building of their country and their party.

Comrade Yim Chun-chu spoke next. Your visit was made more significant as the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song received and had a friendly talk with the delegation, he stressed.

Everywhere it went the delegation highly praised the successes gained by our party members and working people under the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song, greatly encouraged their struggle, sternly denounced the "two Korea's" plot of U.S. imperialism and the South Korean puppet clique and expressed firm solidarity with the struggle of our party and people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country, he noted, and declared: We are very grateful for this.

Our people, he said, warmly hail the great achievements made by the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi and the fraternal Burundi people in their struggle to liquidate the aftermath of the imperialist colonial rule and build a new society under the correct leadership of President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza and sincerely wish them new success in their future struggle.

The attendants drank toasts to the steady development and strengthening of friendly and cooperative relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi and between the Korean and Burundi peoples, to the good health and long life of the great leader of our party and our people Comrade Kim Il-song and to the good health and long life of his excellency President Jean-Baptiste Bagaza, the outstanding leader of the party and people of Burundi.

Departure 16 October

SK170420 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 17 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang October 17 (KCNA)--The delegation of the Party of National Unity and Progress of Burundi headed by its permanent secretary Emile Moroha left here on October 16 by plane,

It was seen off at the airport by Comrade Yim Chun-chu, member of the Political Committee of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea, Yi Hwa-son, vice-director of a department of the Central Committee of the WPK, and other personages concerned,

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MOZAMBIKAN CONSTRUCTION DELEGATION VISITS DPRK

Delegation Arrives

SK130420 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 13 (KCNA)—A construction delegation of the Mozambican Government headed by Julio Carrilho, minister of industries and power of the People's Republic of Mozambique, arrived in Pyongyang on November 12 by plane.

They were met at the airport by Chong Song-nam and other personages concerned.

Banquet for Delegation

SK130422 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0344 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang November 13 (KCNA)—The Administration Council arranged a banquet yesterday evening at the People's Palace of Culture in honour of the construction delegation of the Mozambican Government headed by Julio Carrilho, minister of industries and power of the People's Republic of Mozambique.

Present there were Vice-Premier Kong Chin-tae, Chong Song-nam and other personnel concerned.

Addressing the banquet first, Chong Song-nam said: We regard as our own the achievements made by the Mozambican people in their struggle for firmly defending the sovereignty of the country and national independence and creating a new life, valiantly repulsing the subversive activities and sabotage of the reactionaries within and without, under the correct leadership of respected President Samora Moises Machel.

He expressed the conviction that the Mozambican people would gain greater successes in the future.

Speaking next, Julio Carrilho said that all victories won by the Korean people are a fruition of the wise guidance of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song.

The friendly and cooperative relations between Mozambique and Korea have strengthened and developed to a new, higher stage since the visit of Comrade Samora Moises Machel to Korea, he said.

The reunification of Korea, he stressed, should be realised independently and peacefully, without outside interference. The Mozambican people will always support the struggle of the Korean people for the reunification of the country.

The attendants of the banquet toasted the good health and long life of the great leader of our people Comrade Kim Il-song and the good health and long life of President of the People's Republic of Mozambique Samora Moises Machel.

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DPRK-TOGO NEWS EXCHANGE—Pyongyang October 24 (KCNA)—An agreement on the exchange of news between the Korean Central News Agency and the Togo News Agency was signed in Lome on October 18, according to a report. Present at the signing ceremony on our side were the DPRK Ambassador to Togo and officials of the DPRK Embassy, and on the opposite side were the information minister, the director general of information of the Ministry of Information and the director of the Togo News Agency. The agreement was signed by the ambassador of our country to Togo and the information minister of Togo. [Text] [FX240426 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0352 GMT 24 Oct 79 SK]

PRC CP FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION—Pyongyang October 24 (KCNA)—The friendship delegation of the Communist Party of China headed by Kang Keqing, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China, vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and chairman of the National Women's Federation of China, visited the Kim Il-song University on October 22. After inspecting the university, the head of the delegation said: We have clearly realised what great attention the great leader of the Korean people Comrade President Kim Il-song is directing to the training of cadres. We wish you greater success in the future educational work. That day the delegation also visited the Pyongyang metro and the Taesong-san pleasure park in Pyongyang and appreciated an acrobatic show. On October 23 the delegation visited the Wanhwa cooperative farm. The guests were accompanied by Yang Hyong-sop, member of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Presidium member of the Central Committee of the fatherland front. Earlier, the delegation was shown round the Pyongyang Students and Children's Palace. They saw the extracurricular activities of school children and watched a performance given by art circle members of the palace. [Text] [SK241122 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1117 GMT 24 Oct 79 SK]

CHINESE FILM DELEGATION—Pyongyang October 18 (KCNA)—The Chinese film delegation headed by Vice-Minister of Culture of the People's Republic of China Wang Lanxi left here by train on October 17. The delegation was seen off at the railway station by Chang Chol and Ho Baek-san, vice-ministers of culture and art, O Mun-han, vice-chairman of the Committee for

Cultural Relations With Foreign Countries, and other personages concerned, leading functionaries of central art organisations and artists in the city. Also present were Chinese Ambassador to our country Lu Zhixian and officials of the Chinese Embassy here. [Text] [SK180338 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0333 GMT 18 Oct 79 SK]

MEETING WITH COPYRIGHT OFFICIAL--Pyongyang October 16 (KCNA)--Vice-Premier Kong Chin-tae on October 15 met and had a friendly talk with F. A. Sviridov, deputy director general of the World Organisation of Invention and Copyright. [Text] [SK160400 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 16 Oct 79 SK]

ALGERIAN NATIONAL DAY OBSERVED--Pyongyang November 14 (KCNA)--A friendship meeting was held on November 13 at the Korea-Algeria Friendship Kang Pan-sok Revolutionary School on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the start of the Algerian revolution. Placed on the platform were a portrait of Comrade Kim Il-song, the great leader of our people, and a portrait of his excellency Chadli Bendjedid, president of the Algerian Democratic and People's Republic. Abdelfettah Laredj, charge d'affaires ad interim, and officials of the Algerian Embassy in Pyongyang were invited to the meeting, which was attended by personages concerned and teachers and students of the school. [Text] [SK141133 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0802 GMT 14 Nov 79 SK]

DPRK, UGANDA OFFICIALS MEET--Pyongyang November 15 (KCNA)--Godfrey Binaisa, president of the Republic of Uganda, on November 8 met Chang Tu-ho, ambassador of our country to Uganda, according to a report. The ambassador conveyed warm greetings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president asked the ambassador to convey warm greetings to the National Liberation Front, government and people of Uganda and himself to the respected and beloved leader. The president expressed firm support to the policy of the government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea for the reunification of the country and the cause of struggle of the Korean people for realizing it. Uganda opposes military confrontation and hopes that Korea will be unified through dialogue at an early date, he said. [Text] [SK150414 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0336 GMT 15 Nov 79 SK]

FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ARRIVE--Pyongyang, November 13--A delegation of the journalists union of the German Democratic Republic headed by Hans-Dieter Kruger, editor of FREIHEIT, organ of the Halle District Committee of the Socialist Unity Party of Germany; a delegation of the Federation of the Socialist Unions of Polish Youth headed by Slawomir Jakubowski, secretary of the National Council of the Federation of the Socialist Unions of Polish Youth; and the Soviet locomotive gymnastic team arrived in Pyongyang on November 12 by plane. [SK140216 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0400 GMT 13 Nov 79 SK]

ALGERIAN ANNIVERSARY EXHIBIT--Pyongyang, November 13--The Korea-Algeria Friendship Association arranged a photo exhibition and film show at the Chollima House of Culture on November 12 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the start of the revolution in Algeria. After seeing photographs on display, the attendants appreciated the documentary film "The Visit of His Excellency President Houari Boumedienne, the Outstanding Leader of the Algerian People, to Our Country." [SK140216 Pyongyang KCNA in English (time indistinct) 13 Nov 79 SK]

POLISH YOUTH DELEGATION--Pyongyang November 16 (KCNA)--Comrade Kim Hwan on November 15 met and had a friendly talk with the delegation of the Federation of the Socialist Unions of Polish Youth headed by Slawomir Jakubowski, its secretary of the National Council of the Federation. Kim Chang-yong, vice-chairman of the Central Committee of the League of Socialist Working Youth of Korea, and Jerzy Pekala, Polish Ambassador to Korea, were present on the occasion. [Text] [SK160410 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0346 GMT 16 Nov 79 SK]

JAPANESE TU DELEGATION--Pyongyang November 10 (KCNA)--The Kyushu District delegation of the General Council of Trade Unions of Japan headed by Kenzo Yamagame, chairman of the Oita Prefectural Council of Trade Unions, left Pyongyang on November 9 by plane. Vice-Premier Kong Chin-tae met and had a friendly conversation with the delegation on November 8. [Text] [OW101651 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1512 GMT 10 Nov 79 OW]

NEW HUNGARIAN ENVOY--Pyongyang November 14 (KCNA)--Vice-Premier and Foreign Minister Ho Tam on November 13 met and had a friendly talk with Etre Sandor, newly-appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Hungarian People's Republic to our country, when the latter paid him a courtesy call. Personages concerned and Pataki Sandor, charge d'affaires ad interim of the Hungarian Embassy in Pyongyang, were present on the occasion. [Text] [SK140436 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0358 GMT 14 Nov 79 SK] Pyongyang November 16 (KCNA)--Etre Sandor [as received], newly-appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Hungarian People's Republic to our country, presented his credentials to Vice-President Kang Yang-uk on November 15. After receiving the credentials from the ambassador, the vice-president had a friendly talk with him. [Text] [SK160416 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0354 GMT 16 Nov 79 SK]

NEW AMBASSADOR TO AFGHANISTAN--Pyongyang November 17 (KCNA)--Yi Chong-nim, newly-appointed ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of our country to the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan, on November 10 presented his credentials to Hafizollah Amin, chairman of the Revolutionary Council of Afghanistan, according to a report. The Afghan foreign minister was on hand. The ambassador conveyed warm greetings of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to Chairman Hafizollah Amin and the chairman asked the ambassador to convey to the respected and beloved leader warmest greetings in the name of the People's Democratic Party and government of Afghanistan and himself. The chairman said that Afghanistan will always express firm support and solidarity for the Korean people's cause of national reunification. The talks proceeded in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [SK170446 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0332 GMT 17 Nov 79 SK]

KWP CC REPLIES--Pyongyang November 18 (KCNA)--The Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea sent messages to parties of various countries in reply to their messages of greetings on the occasion of the 34th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea. Reply messages were sent to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba, the Central Committee of the Revolutionary Party of Tanzania, the Central Committee of the People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan, the Central Committee of the Panhellenic Socialist Movement of Greece and Jorge del Prado, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Peruvian Communist Party. The reply messages expressed the belief that the friendly and cooperative relations between the Workers' Party of Korea and these parties would develop more favourably and wished these parties new success in their struggle. [Text] [SK180926 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0840 GMT 18 Nov 79 SK]

GUINEA PRESIDENT SUPPORTS DPRK--Pyongyang November 19 (KCNA)--Ahmed Sekou Toure, president of the Guinean Revolutionary People's Republic, on November 11 visited the DPRK Embassy in Guinea, and had a friendly talk with Ambassador Son Yong-sun, according to a report. He was accompanied by the minister of health, minister of foreign affairs and cooperation and minister of interior who are members of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the party of state of Guinea and the general secretary of the presidential office. The ambassador conveyed cordial regards of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president expressed deep thanks for the cordial regards and asked the ambassador to convey his sincere, warm greetings to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song. The president declared that Guinea will recognise only the Democratic People's Republic of Korea in the future, too, and fully support the struggle of the Korean people for the independent and peaceful reunification of the country. [Text] [SK190408 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 19 Nov 79 SK]

UKRAINIAN DANCE GROUP PERFORMS--Pyongyang, November 14--The Pavel Virski national merited academic dance ensemble of the Ukraine on November 13 performed at the Nampo Theatre. The colourful dance program of the Soviet artists was acclaimed by the audience. At the end of the performance, baskets of flowers were presented to the performers in congratulation of their successful performance. [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1002 GMT 14 Nov 79 SK]

FINNISH FOLK GROUP PERFORMS--Pyongyang, November 12--The Finnish "Leikarit" folk music group on November 11 gave a performance for guests of honour at the Moranbong Theatre. Chang Chol, Pak Yong-si, Cho Yong-chchul and other personages concerned, working people in the city, and an official of the Finnish Embassy in Pyongyang saw the performance. The performers well played with high skill the folk music loved by the Finnish people to delight the audience. At the end of the performance, a basket of flowers was presented to the artists in congratulation of their successful performance. [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0342 GMT 12 Nov 79 SK]

FINNISH, ROMANIAN GROUPS LEAVE--Pyongyang, November 14--The Finnish "Leikarit" folk music group and the Romanian television delegation left Pyongyang by plane. [SK150756 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0409 GMT 14 Nov 79 SK]

'KCNA' DELEGATION TO YUGOSLAVIA--Pyongyang November 12--A delegation of the Korean Central News Agency headed by Kim Yang-son left Pyongyang for Yugoslavia on November 11 by air. [Pyongyang KCNA in English 0343 GMT 12 Nov 79 SK]

'NODONG SINMUN' DELEGATION RETURNS--Pyongyang November 11--The delegation of NONDONG SINMUN returned here on November 9 by plane after visiting the German Democratic Republic and the Romanian Socialist Republic. [Pyongyang KCNA in English 1042 GMT 11 Nov 79 SK]

ENVOY TO MALI--Pyongyang, Nov 10--Moussa Traore, president of the Republic of Mali, on November 2 met Kim Man-hyop, ambassador of our country to Mali, according to a report. The ambassador conveyed friendly greetings from the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to the president. The president expressed deep thanks for the friendly greetings and asked the ambassador to convey his sincere greetings to the great leader. The talk proceeded in a cordial atmosphere. [Text] [OW101721 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1502 GMT 10 Nov 79 OW]

ENVOY TO SYRIA--Pyongyang, Nov 10--Muhammad 'Ali al-Halabi, premier of the Syrian Arab Republic, on November 5 met Kim Yong-ha, ambassador of our country to Syria, according to a report. The premier reaffirmed the active support of the government and people of Syria to the stand of the friendly government and people of Korea on the independent and peaceful reunification of Korea. Syria treasures the friendly and cooperative relations with Korea, he stated. The talk proceeded in a friendly atmosphere. [Text] [OW101721 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1504 GMT 10 Nov 79 OW]

SOVIET MOVIE MEN DELEGATION--Pyongyang, Nov 10--A Wonsan meeting was held on November 9 in welcome of the Soviet moviemens' delegation which came to our country to attend functions during a Soviet film week marking the 62d anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. Present at the meeting were personages concerned and working people in the city. The members of the Soviet moviemens' delegation were invited there. Earlier, a similar meeting was held in Sariwon. [Text] [OW101721 Pyongyang KCNA in English 1500 GMT 10 Nov 79 OW]

USSR AMBASSADOR--G. A. Kriulin, USSR ambassador to our country, and the staff members of the USSR Embassy assisted in the apple picking at the Korea-USSR Friendship Kochang Cooperative Farm on 12 October. The guests picked apples with members of the farm and sang some of the songs of the two countries during breaks, thus sharing their friendship with members of the farm. [Text] [SK191155 Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean 0900 GMT 14 Oct 79 SK]

ACROBATIC TROUPE IN MALAYSIA--Kuala Lumpur, 5 Nov--The 70-member national Pyongyang acrobatic troupe arrived here today for a two-week performance from Wednesday. The leader of the troupe, Ch'oe Yun-son, who is also the Deputy Minister of Culture and Art of North Korea, said on arrival that the troupe had performed in 10 countries including the Soviet Union, China, France, Italy, Britain and Burma. He hoped that the visit, at the invitation of the Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport, would enhance cultural exchanges, friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The troupe would display some aspects of the North Korean national acrobatic art, he added. NAB/AFP [Text] [Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 7 Nov 79 p 3]

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RICE SHIPMENT TO INDONESIA--Djakarta, 5 Nov--Indonesia will buy 100,000 tons of rice from North Korea with the price and delivery time still subject to further negotiation, it was announced here. The agreement was reached at meetings here Saturday between Minister of Trade Radius Prawiro and the Indonesian logistics agency "BULOG" on one side and a visiting North Korean delegation led by Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade Choi Goan Su on the other. The delegation, which arrived here Friday for a 10-day visit, had offered to sell 150,000 tons to Indonesia. It also has offered to buy tin, manganese and a number of other commodities from Indonesia. The Indonesian Government has planned to import some two million tons of rice for next year, a volume considered necessary to meet the growing rice shortage, partly due to harvest failures and partly to production not keeping step with the growing population. Other countries listed so far to supply rice to Indonesia include Thailand, Burma, Pakistan, the Philippines, Japan, Australia, Italy and the United States. [Text] [Rangoon THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY in English 7 Nov 79 p 2]

OIL DRILLING RIG PURCHASE--Singapore Nov 5 KYODO--North Korea has bought a jack-up type oil drilling rig from Singapore and is taking the rig in tow to Nampo, near Pyongyang, informed sources said Monday. The rig is worth about 45 million Singapore dollars, and is the first to be purchased by North Korea from the island republic. It is believed that the rig will be used in oil development projects in Korea bay waters. North Korea has not yet produced oil, but it is believed possible that there are some submarine oil reserves in the area. [Text] [Tokyo KYODO in English no time given 5 Nov 79 OW]

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'MINJU CHOSON' HAILS ANNIVERSARY OF TIES WITH VENEZUELA

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[Text] Pyongyang October 28 (KCNA)--MINJU CHOSON today carries a signed article headlined "Five Years of Friendly Relations" on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations at ambassadorial level between Korea and Venezuela.

It says that the opening of diplomatic relations between the two countries on October 28, 1974, marked an important milestone in further developing and strengthening the friendly and cooperative relations between the Korean and Venezuelan peoples.

Over the past five years since the establishment of diplomatic relations the two peoples have further developed the friendly relations on the road of the common struggle against imperialism and for independence, the article notes.

Saying that today the Venezuelan people under the leadership of President Luis Herrera Campins have registered big successes in the struggle against all forms of domination and interference and for the independent development of the country and the building of a new society, the article points out: Our people sincerely rejoice at and hail them.

The article goes on:

The Venezuelan Government and people are striving to establish a new international economic order and develop and strengthen friendly relations with the new-emerging countries.

Though Korea and Venezuela are separated from each other by a long distance geographically, the relations of friendship and cooperation between the two peoples are favourably developing.

Our people will as always make every effort to further strengthen the friendship and solidarity with the Venezuelan people.

Believing that the friendly relations sealed between our two countries will grow in strength and develop in conformity with the desire and demand of the Korean and Venezuelan peoples, our people wish the Venezuelan people greater success in the struggle for the independent development and prosperity of the country.

N. KOREA/BIOGRAPHICS

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHER RECEIVES AWARD

SK120712 Pyongyang KCNA in English 0332 GMT 12 Oct 79 SK

[Text] Pyongyang October 12 (KCNA)--A meeting for conveying gifts of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song to Dr. Paek Sol-hui, a labour heroine, was held on October 11 in Pyongyang. Comrade Kim Hwan, personages concerned and workers of the botanical institute and other institutes under the Academy of Sciences were present at the meeting. The gifts of the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song were conveyed to Dr. Paek Sol-hui, a labour heroine.

Comrade Paek Sol-hui and scientists made speeches evincing their determination. In her speech Comrade Paek Sol-hui spoke of her emotion at the great kindness bestowed upon her again by the respected and beloved leader and extended greatest honor and deepest thanks to him who always indicates the road to be followed by our chuche-oriented science and looks after the researches and life of the scientists down to details.

She said she would attend the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song generation after generation, holding him in high esteem, vigorously advance along the road of loyalty, following the glorious party, and achieve new success in her researches into plant cultivation to live up with loyalty to his deep political trust and expectation.

A letter of pledge to the great leader Comrade Kim Il-song was adopted amid stormy applause of the attendants at the meeting.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER 1979

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[Text]

- 1 President Kim Il-sung receives credentials from the new Iraqi ambassador.
- 1 The new school semester begins.
- 1 A delegation of Rodong Shinmun, organ of the Workers' Party, led by its Deputy Editor-in-Chief Kim Sok-rae (김석래), leaves on a tour of France, Italy and Spain to join in the commemoration of the anniversary of the Communist Party organs in those countries. Another Rodong Shinmun mission leaves for Portugal to attend the anniversary ceremony of the Portuguese Communist Party organ.
- 1 The (north) Korean Central Broadcasting Station (KCBS) reports exhibitions of north Korean books, photographs and handicrafts were held in Belgium and Luxembourg lately.
- 2 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report Tass of the Soviet Union on August 31 reported that Pyongyang city workers had started a new subway construction project recently.
- 2 A central meet is held at Moranbong Stadium in Pyongyang to open the People's sports months, September and October.
- 2 A four-day international military goodwill boxing match closes in Pyongyang.
- 2 Premier Lee Jong-ok (리종옥) and his mission arrive in Havana to attend the sixth nonaligned summit conference.
- 3 President Kim closes a two-day on-the-spot guidance tour of Pyongyang City and South Pyongan Province.
- 3 The Danish Socialist People's Party chairman and his wife arrive in Pyongyang for an 11-day visit.
- 3 The new Indonesian ambassador arrives in Pyongyang to take up his post.
- 3 A film mission returns home from the Soviet Union after taking part in the 12th Moscow International Film Festival.
- 3 A Soviet model airplane flying team arrives in Pyongyang for a 16-day visit.
- 3 A Danish newspaper reporter arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 3 Workers in Sinuiju City, capital of North Pyongan Province, hold a rally

- and pledge to do their utmost to carry out the instructions President Kim gave during his recent on-the-spot guidance trip to the province.
- 3 Premier Lee Jong-ok is elected vice chairman of the sixth nonaligned summit conference in Havana along with 19 others.
 - 3 North Korea and Jordan conclude an agreement on cultural exchange for 1979-1980 in Amman.
 - 4 Premier Lee hosts a banquet for the former president of Cambodia, Kieu Samphan, during the nonaligned meeting.
 - 4 Ambassador Kim Yong-il (김 영 일) to North Yemen pays a farewell call on the country's premier in Sana.
 - 4 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report Pyongyang Student's Art Troupe gave performances in Finland from August 19 to 29.
 - 4 A congratulatory mission from Chochongnyon, the pro-Pyongyang federation of Korean residents in Japan, arrives in Pyongyang led by its deputy chairman, Lee Jin-gyu (리 진 규), for the September 9 government founding anniversary functions.
 - 4 An Albanian trade mission arrives in Pyongyang for a five-day visit.
 - 4 A film mission leaves for China. (The mission returned on September 21.)
 - 4 Military boxing teams of Romania, Czechoslovakia, Cuba, Poland and Hungary leave Pyongyang winding up their participation in an international match.
 - 4 A Mongolian art exhibit opens in Pyongyang.
 - 5 Rodong Shinmun publishes an editorial calling for the implementation of the Theses on Socialist Education upon the second anniversary of its proclamation.
 - 5 A trade mission led by Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Peng Tae-yul (펑 태 율) leaves for Pakistan.
 - 5 A film mission leaves for the Soviet Union.
 - 5 An Iraqi folk art troupe arrives in Pyongyang for a 14-day performance tour.
 - 5 The 14th plenary session of the Union of the Agricultural Workers closes its two-day meeting in Pyongyang after "discussing" the ideological education for the farmers.
 - 5 President Kim receives credentials from the new Indonesian ambassador to Pyongyang.
 - 6 The belt conveyor system at Nampo harbor starts operation.

- 6 A royal Thai mission led by its lower house speaker arrives in Pyongyang for an 11-day visit.
- 6 A film-showing night is held in Pyongyang for the foreign military attaches in commemoration of the 31st founding anniversary of the north Korean government, September 9.
- 6 A parliamentary mission led by Culture-Art Minister Lee Chang-son (리 장 선) leaves for Venezuela to attend the 66th Inter-Parliamentarians' Union conference.
- 6 North Korean and Soviet model airplane flyers display their skill in Pyongyang in a goodwill match.
- 6 A Soviet military boxing team leaves Pyongyang.
- 7 A Xinhua News Agency mission led by its deputy president arrives in Pyongyang for a 16-day visit.
- 7 President Kim sends 500 million yen in Japanese currency to Chochongnyon as the 72nd portion of the "educational subsidy." The "subsidies" sent to the federation on 72 occasions total 26,862,827,033 yen.
- 7 Prince Norodom Sihanouk, former head of state of Cambodia, makes an inspection tour of the Pyongyang city residential area.
- 8 A central reporting meet for the 31st founding anniversary of the Pyongyang regime is held at the 2.8 Cultural Center. Vice President Pak Song-chol (박 성 철) makes a keynote speech followed by Chochongnyon Deputy Chairman Lee Jin-gyu's congratulatory address.
- 8 Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng and Yeh Jianying, chairman of the National People's Congress (NPC), send a congratulatory message to President Kim and Premier Lee upon the 31st founding anniversary of the Pyongyang regime.
- 8 Moscow Radio reports commemorative ceremonies were held throughout the country on the occasion of the north Korean government-founding anniversary, September 9.
- 8 Soviet President Brezhnev and Premier Kosygin send a congratulatory message to President Kim and Premier Lee upon the founding anniversary of the Pyongyang regime.
- 8 President Kim meets with the visiting chairman of the Denmark Socialist People's Party and his wife.
- 8 A Rodong Shinmun mission led by Chong Ha-chon (정 하 선), first deputy editor-in-chief, leaves for China.
- 8 A Rodong Shinmun mission returns home from a visit to the Soviet Union.
- 8 A New Zealand-North Korea Association mission leaves Pyongyang.

- 8 A Party mission led by Yang Il-sung-sop (양 일 송), member of the Party Political Committee, returns home from a visit to Guyana.
- 8 Railways within the compound of the Pyongyang Thermal Power Station are electrified "in 80 days."
- 9 The People's Daily of China publishes a commemorative editorial on the occasion of the north Korean government-founding anniversary.
- 9 President Kim meets with the visiting royal Thai mission led by the speaker of the Thai lower house.
- 9 President Kim receives a congratulatory mission from Chochongnyon led by its deputy chairman, Lee Jin-gyu.
- 9 President Kim hosts a banquet at Kumsusan Capital Hall celebrating the 31st government-founding anniversary.
- 9 A soiree is held at Kim Il-sung Plaza in Pyongyang.
- 9 Athletic meets open throughout the country in commemoration of the 30th Sports Day which falls on the second Sunday of October.
- 10 A Chinese military friendship mission arrives in Pyongyang for an 18-day visit.
- 10 A government friendship mission led by Deputy Premier Kong Jin-tae (공 진 태) returns home from a visit to Libya.
- 10 The visiting Iraqi folk art troupe gives its first performance in Pyongyang.
- 10 Mr. Kim Byong-ho is awarded the title of honorary city management technician in recognition of his devotion to the construction and management of the historical Mangyongdae site, Kim Il-sung's native place.
- 11 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report north Korea became a member of the 36 coordinating committee countries of the Nonaligned Conference.
- 11 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report the Pyongyang Student's Art Troupe is giving performances in Denmark.
- 11 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to the Ethiopian premier upon the country's fifth anniversary of the Socialist revolution.
- 11 People's Armed Forces Minister Oh Jin-u (오 진 우) meets with the visiting Chinese military delegation.
- 11 A Pakistan airlines' communications mission arrives in Pyongyang.
- 11 An astrological mission of the Soviet Science Academy leaves Pyongyang.
- 11 A Romanian journalists' association mission leaves Pyongyang.
- 11 A Chinese ping-pong team arrives in Pyongyang for a 16-day visit.

- 11 A U.N. Development Program mission arrives in Pyongyang for an eight-day visit.
- 12 Radio Pyongyang reports an exhibition of north Korean books, photographs and handicrafts were held in Malagasy from July 13 to August 13.
- 12 KCBS reports the Taedonggang TV Set Manufacturing Plant was dedicated in Pyongyang lately.
- 12 President Kim closes a two-day on-the-spot guidance tour of South Pyongan Province. Workers in Kangdong County hold a rally and pledge to do their utmost to carry out instructions President Kim gave during his inspection tour.
- 13 North Korea and St. Lucia agree to establish diplomatic relations and exchange envoys in Castries.
- 13 Moscow Radio reports north Korea attended an international conference on children along with 129 other countries.
- 13 A Panama women's league mission arrives in Pyongyang for a 10-day visit.
- 14 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report the Pyongyang Student's Art Troupe left Denmark winding up its performance tour on September 9.
- 14 A Chinese trade union mission arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 14 A Japanese friendship mission from Fukushima Prefecture arrives in Pyongyang for a 12-day visit.
- 14 An Iraqi military mission arrives in Pyongyang for a seven-day visit.
- 14 The Central Committee of the Workers' Party and the Central People's Committee cable a condolence message to their Angolan counterparts over the death of President Agostinho Neto.
- 15 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report a new road was built in Pyongyang and opened to traffic in a ceremony on September 9, the founding anniversary of the government. The construction of the road started in early June.
- 15 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to the Mexican president on the country's independence day.
- 15 An India-North Korea Friendship Association mission arrives in Pyongyang for an 11-day visit.
- 16 Deputy Foreign Minister Lee Jong-mok (이종복) meets with the outgoing Burundi ambassador in Pyongyang. President Kim later meets with the Burundi envoy.
- 17 A Soviet Communist Party mission led by the deputy minister of chemical industry arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 17 Hwang Du-ho (황두호) is named ambassador to Nepal.

- 17 A Denmark-North Korea Friendship Association mission arrives in Pyongyang for a 17-day visit.
- 17 An Iraqi news agency delegation arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 17 A Soviet military women's basketball team arrives in Pyongyang for an 11-day visit.
- 17 President Kim closes a two-day on-the-spot guidance tour of farms in North Hwanghae Province.
- 18 North Korea and the Dominican Republic issue a joint communique in Roseau in which the two countries agreed to open diplomatic relations.
- 18 Ambassador Kim Guk-hun (김국훈) to East Germany pays a farewell visit to President Erich Honecker in East Berlin.
- 18 President Kim makes an inspection tour of a military unit Comrade Chang Tae-song belongs to.
- 18 A troupe of the Pyongyang Student's Art Group led by Deputy Culture-Art Minister Lee Sang-tae (리상태) leaves for Peking.
- 18 A military mission led by Lt. Gen. Pak Chung-guk (박중국) leaves for Mozambique to attend the 15th anniversary functions of the Mozambique people's liberation army.
- 18 The new ambassadors of Thailand and Nigeria arrive in Pyongyang to take up their posts.
- 18 The outgoing Burundi ambassador leaves Pyongyang.
- 19 Premier Lee Jong-ok arrives in Bucharest from Havana. He visited Senegal on September 18 on his way from Cuba to Romania.
- 19 The Pyongyang Student's Art Troupe led by Deputy Culture-Art Minister Lee arrives in Shenyang, China.
- 19 Ambassador Lee Jun-ok (리준옥) to Guyana is named concurrent envoy to Grenada. He is also concurrent ambassador to Jamaica and Barbados.
- 20 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report north Korea attended the 35th international market held in Bulgaria along with 53 other countries.
- 20 President Kim meets with the visiting Chinese trade union mission.
- 20 President Kim meets with the Panamanian women's league mission and hosts luncheon for its members.
- 20 A Socialist Working Youth mission leaves for the Soviet Union and Romania.
- 20 A music and dance festival opens in Pyongyang through October 15 participated in by art groups from across the country.

- 20 A Pyongyang student art troupe ends its 11-day performance tour of Norway.
- 20 President Didier Ratsiraka of Malagasy meets with a north Korean economic mission in Tananarive.
- 20 North Korea and Iraq conclude an agreement on cultural exchange for 1979-1980 in Baghdad.
- 21 President Kim presides over an expanded plenum of the Party South Hwanghae Provincial Committee at the end of his five-day on-the-spot guidance trip to the province.
- 21 The Central Committee of the (north) Korean Workers' Party cables a congratulatory message upon the inauguration of the Panama Democratic Revolutionary Party.
- 21 A Benin People's Revolutionary Party mission arrives in Pyongyang for a 12-day visit.
- 21 A Rwanda military mission led by its deputy chief of staff of the armed forces arrives in Pyongyang for a five-day visit.
- 21 Oh Guk-ryol (오 국 열), chief of the general staff of the People's Army, meets with the visiting Rwanda military mission in Pyongyang. Pyongyang broadcasts reported Oh's new position for the first time.
- 21 North Korea takes part in a fine art exhibition of Socialist countries in Warsaw.
- 22 North Korean youths attend an international meet of Socialist countries in Moscow, which was participated in by 250 delegates.
- 22 President Kim receives credentials from the new Thai and Nigerian ambassadors.
- 22 A Science Academy mission led by its deputy director, Sim Mun-gyu (심 문 규), leaves for the Soviet Union.
- 23 The 183rd batch of Korean repatriates from Japan arrives at Chongjin port aboard Mangyongbong-ho.
- 23 President Kim meets with the visiting India-North Korea Friendship Association mission and hosts luncheon for its members.
- 23 Premier Lee Jong-ok and his party return home after participating in the sixth nonaligned summit conference in Havana and visiting Romania.
- 24 North Korea and Romania conclude an agreement on exchange of goods and payment for 1980 in Bucharest.
- 24 KCBS and Radio Pyongyang report an exhibition of experimental and teaching instruments is being held in Pyongyang and is to continue until October 10, the founding anniversary of the Workers' Party.

- 24 President Kim meets with the visiting Chinese People's Army friendship mission. He also meets with the visiting Rwanda military mission.
- 24 A Hungarian Party organ mission arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 24 A Russian judo team arrives in Pyongyang for a nine-day visit.
- 24 A mission of the Committee for North Korean Unification Policy from the United Kingdom led by a member of parliament arrives in Pyongyang for an 11-day visit.
- 25 KCBS reports bank delegations from Hungary, Czechoslovakia, France, the Soviet Union, East Germany, Malagasy, Yugoslavis, Poland, West Germany and Austria arrive in Pyongyang to attend functions for the 20th founding anniversary of the (north) Korean Trade Bank.
- 25 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to President Hafizullah Amin of Afghanistan upon the latter's inauguration as the head of state.
- 25 President Kim sends a condolence message to President Gustav Husak of Czechoslovakia over the death of former president Ludvik Svoboda.
- 26 Banking delegations from Romania, Japan, Pakistan, Australia, England, France, Thailand, Belgium, Malaysia and West Germany arrive in Pyongyang to join in the commemoration of the 20th founding anniversary of the (north) Korean Trade Bank.
- 26 The Pyongyang Student Art Troupe led by the deputy culture minister arrives in Peking from Shenyang.
- 27 A three-day labor administration meeting closes in Pyongyang attended by President Kim. He addressed the last-day session.
- 27 A commemorative ceremony for the 20th founding anniversary of the (north) Korean Trade Bank is held at the People's Culture Palace attended by 33 foreign bank missions including one from China.
- 27 A Pyongyang Student Art Troupe which toured Finland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden returns home.
- 27 A Rome Opera Theater mission arrives in Pyongyang for a seven-day visit.
- 27 A Syrian publishing house president and his mission arrive in Pyongyang.
- 27 Ambassador Lee In-gyu (리인규) to the Congo pays a farewell visit to the country's president in Brazzaville.
- 28 President and Mrs. Kim Il-sung meet with Prince Norodom Sihanouk and his wife, and hosts luncheon for them.
- 28 A Chinese film mission led by the deputy cultural minister arrives in Pyongyang.
- 28 A Chinese friendship mission arrives in Pyongyang.

- 29 KCBS reports north Korea was awarded a gold medal at the 16th Algiers International Market held from September 5 to 21. North Korea displayed photographs and Kim Il-sung works concerning the revolution.
- 29 President Kim meets with the visiting Benin People's Revolutionary Party mission.
- 29 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to President Scretse Khama of Botswana upon the 13th anniversary of the country's independence.
- 29 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to the new Ghana president upon his inauguration.
- 29 Prince Norodom Sihanouk, his wife, son, mother-in-law and aunt leave Pyongyang for Peking.
- 29 A Central Broadcasting Committee mission leaves for Yugoslavia to participate in the first television festival of the nonaligned countries there.
- 30 President Kim cables a congratulatory message to Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng and Yeh Jianying, chairman of the NPC, upon the 30th founding anniversary of the Peking regime.
- 30 President Kim sends a congratulatory message to the Panama president upon the enforcement of the new Panama canal treaty from October 1.

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